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SUBJ: UNCTAD TDB XIV: ITEM 8A, 4B AND 13A: G-77 DRAFT

AND RESOLUTION ON COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND POLICIES

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT LDC RESOLUTION ON COMMODITIES
JUST TABLED BY G-77 DELEGATION VIEWS ON RESOLUTION AND
SUMMARY OF DEBATE ON COMMODITIES ITEMS IN SESSIONAL
COMMITTEE I WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL. GROUP B CAUCUS HAS
NOT YET CONSIDERED COMMODITY ISSUES, BUT CORRIDOR
CONVERSATIONS INDICATE MUCH OF DRAFT RESOLUTION
UNACCEPTABLE TO MANY GROUP B COUNTRIES.

NEW APPROACHES TO INTERNATIONAL COMMODITY PROBLEMS AND POLICIES
DRAFT RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY PAKISTAN ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77

THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD,
RECALLING PARA 26 OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR THE
SECOND DEVELOPMENT DECADE WHICH CALLED FOR THE CONTINUANCE AND
INTENSIFICATION OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AIM
OF REACHING CONCRETE AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS EARLY IN THE DECADE";
RECALLING UNCATD RESOLUTION 83(III) AND RESOLUTION 7 (VII) OF
THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES PROVIDING FOR INTENSIVE AD HOC INTER-
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GOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES WITH THE AIM OF

REACHING CONCRETE AND SIGNIFICANT RESULTS ON TRADE LIBERALIZATION AND PRICING POLICY EARLY IN THE 1970S;
RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3083 (XXVIII) ON THE INDEXATION OF PRICES IN WHICH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD WAS REQUESTED TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ON THE INDEXATION OF PRICES OF PRODUCTS PRODUCED IN AND EXPORTED BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND TO EXAMINE WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY UNIT PRICES OF MANUFACTURED EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND UNIT PRICES OF EXPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES COULD BE AUTOMATICALLY LINKED;
RECALLING GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202(S-VI) ON THE PROGRAMME OF ACTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, IN PARTICULAR THE PROVISIONS RELATING TO RAW MATERIALS, FOOD AND GENERAL TRADE;
HAVING CONSIDERED THE PROGRESS REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL REGARDING THE INTENSIVE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES (TD/B/504);
CONSIDERING THAT THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS HELD SO FAR HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTING, BUT BEARING IN MIND THAT A FULL ASSESSMENT OF THE RESULTS WILL BE MADE AT THE EIGHTH SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA 7 OF RESOLUTION 7(VII);
TAKING NOTE OF THE STUDY ON THE INDEXATION OF PRICES (TD/B/503 SUPP.1) AND THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY (TD/B/503);
HAVING CONSIDERED THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PROPOSALS FOR AN OVERALL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES (TD/B/498), PREPARED IN PURSUANCE OF PARA 1.3(A)(IV) OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 3202 (S-VI);
CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR ACTION TO IMPROVE AND STRENGTHEN THE PRESENT COMMODITY ARRANGEMENTS WHICH MUST BE COMPLEMENTED BY AND EXPEDITIOUS FORMULATION OF OTHER COMMODITY AGREEMENTS WHERE APPROPRIATE;
CONVINCED OF THE NEED FOR A NEW INITIATIVE IN THE FIELD OF COMMODITIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF AN OVERALL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME, A KEY ELEMENT OF WHICH MUST BE TO ENSURE SUBSTANTIAL AND LASTING IMPROVEMENT IN THE TERMS OF TRADE OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES;
CONSIDERING THAT THE OVERALL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ON-GOING WORK IN THE FIELD OF COMMODITIES IN ORDER TO ADVANCE THIS WORK IN THE DIRECTION OF URGENT, INTEGRATED ACTION.

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1. URGES THE GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATING IN THE INTENSIVE AD HOC CONSULTATIONS ON COMMODITIES TO DISPLAY THE NECESSARY POLITICAL WILL TO ACHIEVE SUBSTANTIAL AND CONCRETE RESULTS IN THE FIELDS OF ACCESS TO MARKETS AND PRICING POLICY.
2. CALLS UPON MEMBER GOVERNMENTS AND ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED TO TAKE URGENT ACTION TO IMPLEMENT THE MEASURES SUGGESTED IN THE CONSULTATIONS.

3. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE INTENSIVE AD HOC INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION AND TO OTHER SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF UNCTAD ALONG WITH A FULL EVALUATION OF THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS AND HIS PROPOSALS FOR FURTHER ACTION TO ENSURE THE FULFILMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, CONFERENCE RESOLUTION 83 (III) AND RESOLUTION 7(VII) OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES.

4. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES IN REVIEWING THE RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATIONS TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF OTHER COMMITTEES AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES OF UNCAT TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

5. ENDORSES IN PRINCIPLE THE BROAD APPROACH SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL FOR AN OVERALL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME FOR COMMODITIES.

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD TO ELABORATE FURTHER HIS PROPOSALS ON AN OVERALL INTEGRATED PROGRAMME AND TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR IMPLEMENTING SUCH A PROGRAMME ON THE LINES PROPOSED IN DOCUMENT TD/B/498 INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, THE FOLLOWING:

(A) MORE DETAILED ELABORATION OF TECHNIQUES SUCH AS BUFFER STOCKS AND THEIR FINANCING, LONG-TERM CONTRACTS, CENTRAL SELLING ARRANGEMENTS, UNIFORM EXPORT TAXES, INTERNATIONAL COMPENSATORY PAYMENTS, MARKET SHARING IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMODITY IMPORTING FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, INDEXATION, ETC., WHICH MIGHT BE APPLICABLE TO GROUPS OF COMMODITIES.

(B) THE DRAWING-UP OF SUGGESTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION OF THESE TECHNIQUES TO A COMPREHENSIVE RANGE OF COMMODITIES.

(C) THE EXAMINATION OF MEASURE TO PROMOTE THE PROCESSING OF RAW MATERIALS IN THE PRODUCER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH A VIEW TO FACILITATING THE EXPANSION AND DIVERSIFICATION OF THEIR EXPORTS

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TO DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE EXAMINATION OF APPROPRIATE STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENTS REQUIRED IN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH ARE RATIONAL, JUST AND EQUITABLE.

(D) THE EXAMINATION OF THE POSSIBILITY OF ENSURING FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES A FAIR SHARE OF THE PROFITS DERIVING FROM THE MARKETING OF THE PRODUCTS OF TRADE INTEREST TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

7. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CARRY OUT THESE STUDIES AS URGENTLY AS POSSIBLE AND TO REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION.

8. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES TO GIVE PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO THESE MATTERS AND TO MAKE CONCRETE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION THEREON, INCLUDING A PROPOSED TIMETABLE, TO THE BOARD AT ITS SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION IN

THE CONTEXT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER.

9. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO INFORM THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARTICULAR INTEREST WHICH THE BOARD TOOK IN THE STUDY ON INDEXATION WHEN SUBMITTING

HIS REPORT ON THE FINDINGS OF THE STUDY TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

10. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, IN CONSULTATION WITH INTERESTED ORGANIZATIONS, AND NOTABLY WITH THE AGENCIES CONCERNED WITH FINANCIAL TRANSFERS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN THE PURCHASING POWER OF EXPORTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, TO SUBMIT FURTHER STUDIES TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES AT ITS EIGHTH SESSION,

ON (A) GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR

INDEXATION, (B) THE IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIFIC COMMODITIES

FOR WHICH DIRECT OR INDIRECT INDEXATION MIGHT BE UNDERTAKEN WHICH SHOULD INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBILITIES

WITH REGARD TO SEMI-PROCESSED COMMODITIES, (C) CRITERIA FOR THE

ADOPTION OF INDEXATION IN COMMODITY NEGOTIATIONS, (D) THE CRITERIA

FOR THE DETERMINATION OF INITIAL REFERENCE PRICES, (E)

THE ELABORATION OF AN APPROPRIATE "BASKET" OF IMPORTS FOR ADOPTION

IN THESE CASES AND (F) TECHNICAL ISSUES INVOLVED, SUCH AS THE

URGENT NEED FOR APPROPRIATE

AND TIMELY INDICES OF THE IMPORT PRICES PAID BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

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